

HOUSE BILL 287

Unofficial Copy
D1

2003 Regular Session
3lr0857
CF 3lr0832

By: **Delegates Sophocleus, Vallario, Brown, Kelly, McComas, and O'Donnell**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2003
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public General Laws - Evidence of the Law**

3 FOR the purpose of adopting the 2002 Edition of the Annotated Code of Maryland as
4 published by the editorial staff of West, Eagan, Minnesota (West Code), and all
5 replacement volumes and supplements to the West Code; providing that the
6 West Code and all replacement volumes and supplements to the West Code are
7 evidence of the Public General Laws of Maryland and shall be considered as
8 evidence of the law in all courts of the State and by all public offices and officers
9 of the State and its political subdivisions; and generally relating to the adoption
10 of the West Code as evidence of the law in Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 10-201
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2002 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 10-201.

20 (a) (1) The 1957 Edition of the Annotated Code of Maryland, prepared and
21 published by the Editorial Staff of The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Virginia, is
22 adopted and made evidence of the Public General Laws of the State of Maryland as
23 contained in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1888, as amended,
24 modified and changed from time to time, through and including the regular session of
25 the General Assembly of Maryland held in 1957. It shall be considered as the evidence
26 of the law in all courts of the State and by all public offices and officers of the State
27 and its political subdivisions.

28 [(b)] (2) A replacement volume to the Annotated Code of the Public General
29 Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition), prepared and published by the Editorial Staff of

1 The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Virginia, is adopted and made evidence of the
2 Public General Laws in the volume at the time of publication. It shall be considered as
3 evidence of the law in all courts of the State and by all public offices and officers of the
4 State and its political subdivisions.

5 [(c)] (3) Any pocket or other supplement to a volume of the Annotated Code of
6 the Public General Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition or subsequent replacement
7 volume), prepared and published by the Editorial Staff of The Michie Company,
8 Charlottesville, Virginia, is adopted and made evidence of changes in the Public
9 General Laws which are supplementary or in addition to the laws in the main
10 volume. It shall be considered as evidence of the law in all the courts of the State and
11 by all public offices and officers of the State and its political subdivisions.

12 (B) (1) THE 2002 EDITION OF WEST'S ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND,
13 PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF WEST, EAGAN, MINNESOTA,
14 IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND AS
15 CONTAINED IN THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND OF 1888, AS
16 AMENDED, MODIFIED, AND CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME, THROUGH AND
17 INCLUDING THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND
18 HELD IN 2001. IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL
19 COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE
20 AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

21 (2) A REPLACEMENT VOLUME TO WEST'S ANNOTATED CODE OF
22 MARYLAND (2002 EDITION), PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF
23 WEST, EAGAN, MINNESOTA, IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC
24 GENERAL LAWS IN THE VOLUME AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. IT SHALL BE
25 CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL THE COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY
26 ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL
27 SUBDIVISIONS.

28 (3) ANY POCKET OR OTHER SUPPLEMENT TO A VOLUME OF WEST'S
29 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (2002 EDITION OR SUBSEQUENT REPLACEMENT
30 VOLUME), PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF WEST, EAGAN,
31 MINNESOTA, IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC
32 GENERAL LAWS WHICH ARE SUPPLEMENTARY OR IN ADDITION TO THE LAWS IN THE
33 MAIN VOLUME. IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL THE
34 COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE
35 AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
37 October 1, 2003.